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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: REPORT OF SWAPO REJECTION

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY DAVID MARTIN, ENTITLED "SWAPO
WILL REJECT NAMIBIA PEACE PLAN," APPEARED IN LONDO'S
"OBSERVER" NEWSPAPER JUNE 4.

2. QUOTE:"SWAPO, THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLES
ORGANISATION, WILL THIS WEEK, PUBLICLY REJECT KEY
PROVISIONS OF PROPOSALS MADE BY THE FIVE WESTERN
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL FOR
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A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA.

THIS WILL BE MADE CLEAR IN A 19-PAGE SPECIAL PAMPHLET,
AT PRESENT BEING PRINTED IN EUROPE, A COPY OF WHICH
HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE OBSERVER. THE PAMPHLET,
"KASSINGA MASSACRE: CLIMAX OF PRETORIA'S ALL OUT
CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NAMIBIAN RESISTANCE,' WAS

WRITTEN BY SWAPO'S 17- MEMBER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AND WILL BE RELEASED THIS WEEK.

IT WAS PROVOKED BY LAST MONTH'S SOUTH AFRICAN RAID
ON KASSINGA, 155 MILES INSIDE ANGOLA, WHEN 1,000
NAMIBIANS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND WOUNDED. WESTERN
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN THE ANGOLAN CAPITAL, LUANDA,
SAY THAT ONLY ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THE DEAD WERE
TRAINED GUERRILLAS; THE REST WERE REFUGEES.

SENIOR SWAPO OFFICIALS STRESS THAT THEY ARE NOT
TOTALLY REJECTING THE PROPOSALS, DRAFTED BY BRITAIN,
CANADA, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES,
BUT ARE SIMPLY MAKING PUBLIC WHAT THEY HAVE ALREADY
REJECTED IN PRIVATE. NOR, AS HAS BEEN REPORTED,
ARE THEY SEEKING "CLARIFICATION," THE OFFICIALS
SAID. THEY ARE INSISTING ON "RE-NEGOTIATION."

THE KEY PROVISIONS WHICH SWAPO DOES NOT ACCEPT ARE:

1. SOUTH AFRICA IS, ACCORDING TO THE FIVE'S PRO-
POSALS, TO BE LEFT WITH ITS ENTRENCHED ADMINISTRATION
OVER THE WHOLE OF THE COUNTRY.

2. SOUTH AFRICA IS TO BE ALLOWED TO HAVE ITS HUGE
PARAMILITARY POLICE FORCE INTACT AND IN CHARGE OF
LAW AND ORDER DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PROCESS.
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3. SOUTH AFRICA IS TO BE ALLOWED TO HAVE 1,500
COMBAT TROOPS STRATEGICALLY POSITIONED AT GROOTFONTEIN
IN THE NORTHERN PART AND/OR OSHIEVELO IN THE CENTRAL
PART OF NAMIBIA.

4. SOUTH AFRICA'S AGGRESSIVE CLAIM TO WALVIS BAY
IS TACITLY CONCEDED BY THE FIVE, THEREBY ALLOWING
HER TO HAVE MORE THAN A DIVISION OF ARMED FORCES AT
ROOIKOP IN THE WALVIS BAY AREA, IN ADDITION TO THE
1,500 AT GROOTFONTEIN.
THESE "EXTENSIVE POWERS/ WOULD ALLOW SOUTH AFRICA
'TO CONTROL AND INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE TRANSI-
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TIONAL PROCESS TO NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE,' THE PAMPHLET
SAYS.

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'WITH ALL THESE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL AND
PHYSICAL CONTROL THUS FIRMLY IN SOUTH AFRICAN HANDS,'
IT ADDS 'THERE CAN BE NO ELECTIONS IN WHICH SWAPO
CAN BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE. WITH ALL THE CARDS OF
POLITICAL AND PHYSICAL POWER SO STACKED IN HER FAVOUR,
PRETORIA WILL, MOST CERTAINLY, SEEK TO CREATE CON-
DITIONS WHICH WILL BE UNFAVOURABLE FOR SWAPO TO WIN
THE ELECTIONS.'

THE WESTERN PLAN, ACCEPTED BY SOUTH AFRICA, PROPOSES
UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION OF THE ELECTIONS, A
'SUBSTANTIAL' BUT UNSPECIFIED UN MILITARY FORCE TO
POLICE THE TRANSITION, AND THE REDUCTION OF THE
NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS TO 1,500 AT GROOTFONTEIN
OR OSHIVELLO.

THE PLAN MAKES NO MENTION OF THE WALVIS BAY PORT ENCLAVE OVER WHICH SOUTH AFRICA CLAIMS SOVEREIGNTY. SWAPO INSISTS THAT IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA.

SWAPO'S PAMPHLET, AFTER 13 MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING THE WESTERN FIVE, SOUTH AFRICA AND THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT, IS A SERIOUS, IF NOT TOTALLY UNEXPECTED, SETBACK. THE WESTERN POWERS SAY THE PROPOSALS ARE 'FINAL AND DEFINITIVE,' PARTLY BECAUSE THEY SAY THEY CANNOT EXPECT ANY FURTHER CONCESSIONS FROM SOUTH AFRICA. BUT SWAPO WILL NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS AS THEY STAND, AND A STALEMATE WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN REACHED.

WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY THEY ARE NOW RELYING ON THE AFRICAN 'FRONT LINE' STATES - ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA - TO PERSUADE SWAPO TO RESUME TALKS WHICH WERE BROKEN OFF IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH AS A RESULT OF THE KASSINGA RAID.

LAST WEEK MR. DONALD MCHENRY, THE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT IN THE UN MISSION WHO HAS HANDLED MUCH OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, SAW ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA HERE. HE ALSO SAW SWAPO OFFICIALS INFORMALLY BUT FAILED TO GET AN ANSWER ON WHEN AND IF THEY MIGHT BE PREPARED TO RESUME TALKS. HE WAS NOT TOLD ABOUT THE PLANS TO PUBLISH THE PAMPHLET.

YESTERDAY PRESIDENT KAUNDA FLEW TO LUANDA FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO; AND SOURCES SAY ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE VISIT, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ZAMBIAN'S RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, WAS TO TRY TO GET TALKS ON NAMIBIA RESTARTED. BUT A RESUMPTION APPEARS TO BE WEEKS RATHER THAN DAYS AWAY.

THE PAMPHLET ACCUSED SOUTH AFRICA OF INSTIGATING A WAVE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SWAPO OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS INSIDE THE COUNTRY. IT SAYS THAT 48 SWAPO MEMBERS WERE KILLED BETWEEN 28 FEBRUARY AND 24 APRIL, AND THAT 43 SWAPO OFFICIALS AND PARTY WORKERS, WHO ARE NAMED, HAVE BEEN DETAINED WITHOUT TRIAL SINCE 18 APRIL. BREWSTER

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